

POWER OUTAGES

To report an outage call SaskPower (306) 310-2220

More information regarding power outages is available from SaskPower by visiting www.saskpower.com/outages

Preparing for an outage

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer ESPECIALLY in rural areas. Power outages are often caused by high winds, electrical storms, tornadoes, etc. which can often cause or aid flooding. Power may be cut to your area/house due to flooding.



During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. If you are pumping water, out of your basement or out of your yard, the pumps may no longer work if powered by electricity. If you only have a cordless phone, you will also be left without phone service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. Your farm equipment (i.e. milking machine) that relies on electricity will not work.

If you use electronic life-sustaining equipment, make sure to have a backup power source. You can call 1-888-757-6937 to register your life-sustaining equipment with SaskPower and be notified of planned power outages.

You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

During an outage

1. Determine if the power failure is limited to your home. If your neighbours have power, check your electrical panel to see if the main circuit breaker has tripped. Even if it appears to be on, turn the breaker off and back on again to ensure a good connection.
2. If your electrical panel or main breaker isn't the cause of the outage, call SaskPower.
 - Turn off or unplug any appliances, computers or electronics you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so you'll know when your power returns.
 - Keep refrigerators and freezers closed. If the power is out for a long time, make sure you check all refrigerated and frozen food before you eat it.
 - Close all doors, windows and drapes to conserve heat (unless the sun is shining in).
 - Never light a fire indoors unless you're using an approved fire place or wood stove.

When power is restored

If your neighbour's power has returned and yours has not, there could be a problem specific to your home. Recheck your main breaker and reset it even if it appears to be on. If power is not restored, call SaskPower.

Give the electrical system a chance to stabilize. Turn on essential equipment and appliances first, and wait 10-15 minutes before turning on the rest.